



# Daily Universe

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## Backing A Cause

Hundreds of thousands of people are aware that a man died yesterday in the gas chamber at San Quentin. From the United States and abroad at the rate of 500 or more a day, messages poured in pleading for the life of Caryl Chessman.

Charged with emotion, the messages said, "let him live" or "execute him," depending on the stand taken by the sender. Yet today Caryl Chessman is dead. Does anyone know how many people died on the highways of America between 10 and 10:10 a.m. Monday morning? Does anybody care? Certainly no 500 messages a day are pouring into any place, pleading for a cease to highway slaughter.

Does anyone know how many youngsters started on a life of crime Monday? Does anyone know how many other "Caryl Chessmans" are being created in our overcrowded schools and our shameful adult areas?

Caryl Chessman is dead. Letters and telegrams and phone calls couldn't save him. World wide indignation against his death sentence couldn't save him. Speeches and mass demonstrations couldn't save him. He died for his crimes.

People are strange. They will go all out to save a condemned man from being punished for his crimes. Yet they will raise never so much as a whisper against the society which created the criminal. They will bombard a helpless governor with pleas for action, and let their congressmen pass or fail to pass legislation, without supervision.

If the American people would be as vocal and as forceful in expressing themselves on the highly important issues that face the nation today as they were in trying to save Chessman, a real purpose would be served.

Let us hope that someday Americans will take as much interest in a bond issue or a primary election as they do in executions. If that day comes, the world will be a better place.

## Prom Postlude

A prom is a many splendored thing.

In the case of the Brigham Young University Junior Prom, the splendor was achieved only after much difficulty and perseverance.

Churchy La-Femme, the adrenaalined turtle in the comic strip "Pogo," once said that modern warfare consisted of "ten years of worry and sweat and ten seconds of boom and whango."

In one sense, Churchy's observation could be applied to the Junior Prom. Certainly no one would deny that the Prom is ephemeral in nature. All the work and worry that goes into the prom is consummated in the two brief nights of splendor. One might ask, "Is it worth all the effort?"

We think it is. From the standpoint of student tradition nothing could quite fulfill the place which "the prom" holds. For coeds it is "the night." For the fellows, even amidst the grumbling about having to "dress up," it generates a certain amount of pride and self confidence.

There is something basically worthwhile in the ability of a class, or a committee to conceive, plan and execute an operation as large as the prom.

We are sure that the scores of persons who worked on the prom, especially those in executive positions gained invaluable training in many areas. From the choosing of the theme and planning of the decorations to the ordering of the food and the presentation of the student assembly, the prom workers gave much.

The prom, of course, cannot be judged on the purely objective basis. There are too many subjective factors—tradition, for example—when enter the picture.

Those who visited the "Green Mansions," found beauty and splendor they should remember for a long time. Those who worked the long hours to get the prom ready should be content because success is a many splendored thing.

Dr. Dressler . . .

## Sociologist Tels Views On 'Car'

by Wayne Spencer  
Universe Staff Writer

While convict-attorney Caryl Chessman was being prepared for death in San Quentin's gas chamber, Monday morning, Dr. David Dressler, noted sociologist and criminologist, was preparing to address Brigham Young University's forum assembly.

DR. DRESSLER had interviewed Chessman several times during the condemned man's fight for life. In an interview with the Daily Universe following the forum address Dr. Dressler gave a number of answers to the question, "What kind of a man was Chessman?"

He answered "no" when asked if Chessman had changed in character during his 12-year imprisonment. He said he believed Chessman was being a loving role of necessity in his fight for life. He added that in his opinion he would have returned to crime if he had never been released.

CHESMAN's comments led to "crimes of compulsion," that he was compelled by inner drives, he said. He was first caught breaking the law when 13 years old and put in a reform school when 14.

Chessman was bothered by mental conflicts over homosexuality, which may have been the result of an unhappy childhood, he said.

CHESMAN remained arrogant throughout his imprisonment, said Dr. Dressler. He insisted on being his own counsel at trials even after the judge quoted to him, "He who is his own counsel, has a fool for counsel."

Dr. Dressler is opposed to capital punishment. He gave two reasons for his opposition: 1) a moral repugnance for men to stand in judgment on the life of another man, 2) the reasoning that capital punishment will stop only from committing crime is not true. In most cases, he said.

IN CHESMAN's case, the speaker said, he was sure that the convict was guilty of the crimes for which he was punished. Dr. Dressler said he had served on a committee investigating a plea by Chessman for clemency. He said that the evidence indicating that Chessman was the Red Light Bandit was indisputable.

Fifty-five per cent of California's population is in favor of capital punishment, he said. The national opinion is very close to that figure, he added.

There is a weakness in our appeals system, he said. This week's case was shown in the Chessman case, when the execution was delayed for 12 years.

He pointed out that Chessman did not win his appeals, but was relieved due to procedural errors in the trials. He said, there have been cases when the detection of a semi-colon in a trial record has been sufficient cause to judge an improper trial, and therefore, a reprieve for the accused.

Dr. Dressler believes the penal system in this country is "50 years behind time." He said that jails are more for schools of crime than against crime.

Inmates in penitentiaries usually need psychological treatment, and there are not adequate facilities, he said. He added that if every prisoner in Federal penitentiaries received treatment with the present facilities, they would be treated for 72 seconds.

He concluded that there has been improvement in the conditions in the prisons throughout the country in recent years.

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"OH, OH, I'M AFRAID MY NEW STUDENT TEACHER, JUST ISN'T QUITE READY TO HANDLE THAT BRAGGADOCIOUS CLASS BY HIMSELF."

## Safety Valve

by the Readers

### Most Important

Dear Editor:

The suggestions of Don Roberts and Howard Hill (Daily Universe, April 28 and February 18) to make LDS missions subordinate to BYU athletics seem to us to be completely ridiculous.

WE FEEL that the value to the Church, to the University, and to the individual of a man over athletic participation can hardly be questioned by any faithful Latter-day Saint.

When some people will wake up to the fact that sports are not superior to everything, including Church service, we will all be so much the richer.

Hal Dendurand  
Ken Babcock

### Brainwashing?

Dear Editor:

Roses to those philanthropic and selfless persons who have given the "BYU" a glorious new tradition. We express our deep appreciation for the privilege of hearing the seductive tones of a 90 watt loudspeaker subtly guiding us to "brighten our understandings" and to "be honest with ourselves" simply by going with everyone to the freshman assembly and the Junior Prom or voting for the most voluptuous smile, the longest record of perfect Sunday School attendance, and the best vaudeville bicycle act.

NOTHING yet has had quite the exhilarating success in challenging the intelligence, privacy, and dignity of us longhaired intellectuals in our contemplative introspections as an snorting, sporting 200 decibel ad lib solo by Jerry Gray's lead sax man courtesy of the Carlinic Bells speaker system.

If we must endure these endless cirruses of brainwashing, why not do it up right by charging admission and sponsoring them in the stadium once a week at high noon.

THAT WAY everyone would be ecstatically happy because we intellectual protestants could go along unfringed in our aesthetic haze of dignified serenity while the clown faction of the student body could congregate together in a gigantic weekly propaganda orgy that would outlast "Sand in Their Shoes" for pure spectacle.

If our epistle doesn't accom-

plish anything else, we will still have the philosophical satisfaction of seeing our names in print and knowing that a storm of letters involving the wrath of heaven or at least an inquisition upon us heretics will follow soon to secure our inalienable place in the history of this august institution.

Bryce LeBaron

## Note Nuisance

Dear Editor:

Since the "brighten your understanding" program was first initiated I have hoped that the program would be further promoted with concrete suggestions and definite activities.

LAST WEEK I realized that I had been missing the suggestions that were being made all along.

The campus loudspeaker system gave me the key. I can now begin to brighten my understanding by attending the student assembly every Friday.

I REALIZE that this is only the beginning, that now I must consistently participate in student elections, dances and other activities. I hope that those who have not yet come to the realization will remember in "THERE IS STILL TIME BROTHER."

George M. Turner

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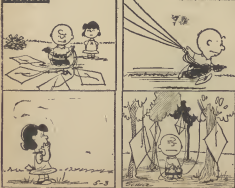
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### PEANUTS



## Senior Campus Quickies...

# Position Interviews Start Wednesday

Interviews will be held Thursday noon to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. In the Executive Council room of the Student Service Center for positions in the

cultural areas. Chairmen of assembly coordinating for organizations, social units and events and chairmen for judging and scheduling are needed. Also student chairmen

for the lyceum program and the Program Bureau are wanted, plus a secretary and a secretarial assistant.

Those interested should check the sign-up list in the student-body offices or contact David Jacobs, vice president of culture.

## Senior Interviews Held

Interviews for senior class cabinet positions for the 1960-61 school year will be held in the executive council room in the basement of the Clark Student Service Center Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

## Activities Deadline Nears

Activities for the 1960-61 school year should be scheduled now in the office of social activities in the Clark Student Service Center basement. The deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

## Committee Opens Queen Application For 'Days of '47'

"Days of '47 Queens' Contest" is open for applications, according to the queens' contest committee. Each year a queen is chosen to reign over the Utah Pioneer Days celebration held in July.

TO REIGN as queen a girl must be a descendant of a Utah Pioneer who came to Utah before May 10, 1869, be a total abstainer from tobacco and alcoholic drinks, be unmarried and not previously married, and be between the ages of 18 and 25. All qualified college girls are urged by the committee to enter.

The queen and two attendants will be selected on physical attractiveness, poise, speaking ability, resourcefulness and general education.

Further contest information and application blanks are available in the Universe office, basement of Clark Student Service Center.



David Thomas... wins Sigma Delta Chi journalism scholarship.

## Pocatellan Wins SDX Scholarship

David H. Thomas, a journalism major from Pocatello, Idaho, was recently announced as winner of the first Sigma Delta Chi scholarship to be awarded at Brigham Young University.

PRESENTED by the Utah Professional Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, the grant is \$175 and awarded annually to an undergraduate at BYU.

Thomas, a 20-year-old junior, is presently a member of the Deseret News Provo Bureau and has also worked for the Pocatello Bureau of the same newspaper.

THOMAS' other college activities include service as a member of the Associated Men's Student Council, as vice president of the Press Club and as a member of the frosh cabinet. He is also president-elect of the Press Club.

The selection committee, headed by Theron Luke, city editor of the Provo Herald, also announced the choice of Don Roberts, Oakland, Calif., junior, as alternate for the grant. He is presently serving as sports editor of the Universe and majoring in journalism.

## Students Mail Grant Requests From Colleges

All seniors and graduate students at BYU who have received scholarships, fellowships, assistantships and paid internships from other institutions are requested to mail or bring information about their grants to the Public Relations office by Thursday.

President Ernest L. Wilkinson is anxious that every BYU student who has received scholastic grants from other institutions be honored by having their names printed in the commencement brochure.

Information needed includes (1) the student's full name, (2) kind of grant (such as "assistantship in government," "research grant," "Woodrow Wilson Scholarship," etc.), (3) the institution awarding the grant and (4) the amount of money received or the dollar value of the grant.

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## Spring Art Show Opens at BYU

Annual Spring Art Show at Brigham Young University will start in the College Hall art room on lower campus through Friday.

The best piece of art will be announced at 8 p.m. Tuesday night. Awards banquet Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. on campus.

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# Cougars Host Grizzlies Here Today, Hope to Get off on Right Foot Again

by Don Roberts

Universe Sports Editor

BYU's clermiden, who nearly lost their winning stride against USU over the weekend, face their final Western Division dual meet today at 2:30 p.m. when they host Montana in Cougar Stadium.

WHILE the Grizzlies rate the underdog role in today's fray,

they were impressive in their 80½ to 50½ win over Utah Saturday and will likely press Coach Clarence Robison's thoughts.

One of the biggest duels of the day will be in the mile where Montana's Gary Wojtowick will face defending Skyline champ Gary Griffith. Griffith smashed the division mark with a 4:17

against USU, while the Grizzlies hurried to an impressive 4:18 against the Utes. With a break from the weatherman the two could lower the record again today.

OTHER STRONG events for the Silverpits are discus, broad jump, shot and the half mile. Pat Dodson, who clocked a 9.8 100-yard dash, may also contend in that event for the visitors.

The Cougars appear to be strong in the events that the MSU squad is weakest in, and likewise weakest in the events that the visitors appear most likely to show well in.

The Pumas are likely to capture the relay, high jump, 440, 220, javelin, pole vault and mile. Presuming an even split on first places, the Cats should have more than enough depth to pile up a substantial margin in second and third place points.

THE TRACKSTERS will be pointing toward Saturday's Intermountain AAU meet after today's contest. This will be the first year that the Y has ever sponsored the yearly affair. The Cougars are defending team champions.

Team entries from Utah, Utah State, Idaho State and other Intermountain institutions are expected for the affair.



MISSILE MARC Nielsen, defending Skyline pole vault champ will be counted on to gain valuable points for the Cougar clermiden today when they host the Montana Grizzlies in a dual Western Division Meet in Cougar Stadium at 2:30 p.m. The Silverpits are fresh from a victory over Utah's Redskins and will be out to catch the defending Skyline titlists.

## 'Cards' Outpace Pirates

by United Press International

The St. Louis Cardinals ended the Pittsburgh Pirates' nine-game winning streak Monday night when 1959 relief ace Eloy Face walked home the winning run in a 4-3 St. Louis triumph.

STAN MUSIAL opened the ninth inning by singling and pinch-runner Curt Flood went to third when Daryl Spencer doubled for his fourth hit of the

game. Leon Wagner was walked to fill the bases but Face then walked Sawatski to force in Flood.

Face, who had a record 18-1 mark in 1959, thus dropped his second decision of the 1960 season. He has no victories.

## Softballers Set Special BYU Clinic

A special one-day clinic for softball coaches has been scheduled for May 14 at Brigham Young University.

THE DAY-LONG clinic, which will be conducted by the Cougars' head baseball coach, Glen Tuckett, will begin with registration in the lobby of the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse.

Morning sessions will concentrate on hitting techniques, bunting techniques, base running and sliding, and softball rules. Afternoon session will deal with pitching, catching, outfield and infield play as demonstrated by the BYU baseball team.

The clinic is being sponsored jointly by the College of Physical Education and Adult Education and Extension Division of BYU.

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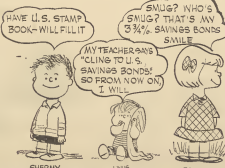
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by CHARLES SCHULZ



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## Adams Gets Nevada Staff Job

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ANNOUNCEMENT of the appointment, which becomes effective in September, 1960, was made by Dean William D. Carlson of Nevada Southern.

Adams, the former basketball coach at College of Southern Utah in Cedar City, has several years coaching experience. He coached at Kanab High School for three years before joining the staff of CSU. A 1955 graduate of Utah State University, he served two years in the U. S. Air Force. He was active in sports at Utah State University and College of Southern Utah.

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